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1. Militia controls in the rural areas of South Kiangsu Province began with the dissolving and disarming of all former district and village self-defense corps. New self-defense units, made up of local Communists, were established in their place.
2. In each sector, new organizations, partly military in character, were formed to exercise various types of control:
 - a. Militia Investigative Unit, consisting of 36 young men from the three villages in the Sector, armed with rifles and carbines. Its duty is to maintain day and night controls throughout the Sector.
 - b. Patrol Group, made up of at least one representative from each village, with a chief chosen by the Communist authorities from among the poor and ignorant farm population. Its duty is to investigate the amount of food and property possessed by the farmers of each village.
 - c. Correspondents, (Tung Hsin Yuan, 通訊員) individuals rather than an organized group, of varying numbers are actually Communist intelligence agents whose duty is to collect information.
 - d. Informer Unit, varying in size and composed of individuals chosen by the Communist authorities. The duty of this group is to maintain close surveillance of the local population and arrest anyone overheard speaking against the Communist regime. The privileges of this group also extend to extortion from the people.
3. Travel is strictly controlled within the hsien and to the outside area. An individual leaving the hsien on official business must arrange for a guarantor and obtain a travel permit from the Public Security Bureau before beginning his journey. He must follow the route and use the transportation facilities prescribed by the Bureau. If the traveler disobeys the Bureau's orders or fails to return at the time set, his family is arrested and his guarantor punished.

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